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SUBJ: GRZ ORDERS UNITA REPS OUT OF ZAMBIA

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1. GRZ MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AARON MILNER CONFIRMED DECEMBER 26 THAT ALL UNITA OFFICIALS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE ZAMBIA ACCORDING TO THE DECEMBER 27 ZAMBIA PRESS.

2. HOME MINISTER MILNER JUSTIFIED GRZ'S ACTION ON THE BASIS OF THE OAU CHARTER WHICH DOES NOT ALLOW MEMBER STATES TO HARBOR GROUPS OF PEOPLE FIGHTING AGAINST THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF A MEMBER STATE.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, MILNER SAID THAT LAST WEEK MORE THAN 800 ANGOLAN REFUGEES HAD ARRIVED IN ZAMBIA BRINGING THE TOTAL OF
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ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA TO 16,000. THE HOME MINISTER SAID THAT ZAMBIA COULD NOT CONTINUE TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOOKING AFTER THE REFUGEES AND ASKED THE UN TO PLAY A MORE PROMINENT ROLE IN LOOKING AFTER AND RESETTLING THE REFUGEES.

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COMMENT: THE GRZ'S PUBLICIZED EXPLUSION OF UNITA REPRESENTATIVES WAS PROBABLY AIMED AT SATISFYING UNDERTAKINGS TO THE MPLA AND ANGOLAN SPECIAL EMISSARY LUVUALU. THOUGH THE GRZ IS NOW PUBLICLY ON RECORD AS SEVERING ITS OPEN TIES WITH UNITA AND WILL NOT AFFORD UNITA REPRESENTATIVES THE FACILITIES AND RECOGNITION THEY HAVE ENJOYED PREVIOUSLY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE GRZ HAS ABANDONED UNITA COMPLETELY. THE EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT DISCREETLY AND MODESTLY THE GRZ WILL CONTINUE PERMITTING ACTIVITIES BY UNITA PARTISANS AND KEEP ITS LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN BUT OUT OF THE PUBLIC VIEW. END CONFIDENTIAL
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